(*c*) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of India for effecting such uniformity throughout India; and

(*d*) whether the Government have examined the approximate charge on provincial revenues a Provincial Act for effecting uniformity in weights and measures is likely to entail and, if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government of India had such a question under their consideration, but subsequently left it to Local Governments to take it up if they desire. The whole question is now being considered by a Sub-Committee of the Economic Council.

(*d*) No.

Expenditure from Provincial Revenues in the event of legislation standardizing weights and measures.

* 573 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: With reference to the refusal of sanction for the introduction of my Weights and Measures Bill, will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the probable expenditure from the Provincial Revenues to give effect to the provisions of that Bill?

A.—The probable expenditure that will be involved in giving effect to the provisions of the Bill has not been worked out.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know, Sir, why without knowing the actual expenditure that will be involved as a result of the introduction of this measure, the Government have refused to accord sanction for the same? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" They thought that the present state of the finances of this Government would not permit a measure of this kind being legislated."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Are the Government aware that there would be no expenditure at all according to the present Bill? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I cannot say that no expenditure would be incurred."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" In reply to a previous question, the Hon. Minister has stated that the whole question was being considered by the Sub-Committee of the Economic Council. May I know whether the Government are going to decide the question as early as possible in view of the fact that several ryots are being put to a lot of inconvenience? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" As soon as the recommendations of the Sub-Committee are received, it will certainly be taken up."